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Erindale's academic excellence celebrated in grand style last Tuesday evening.

photo by Andrea Ashbaugh

## Spotlight on excellence

by Dom Mochrie

Incentive to work hard in the future and accolades for those who have in the past were given out on Tuesday night when Erindale's academic elite were honoured at the Student Award Ceremony.

Seating room was limited as family and friends gathered to witness the distribution of 230 scholarships, worth over half a million dollars. Scholarships and awards distributed included private sector awards, entrance scholarships, in-course scholarships, and awards of excellence in individual courses and divisions of the college.

The event was well-attended by past and present faculty and distinguished members of the community, several of whom had awards named after them. One distinguished speaker at the ceremony was Ignatt Kaneff, who is well known in the Erindale community for his involvement and donations to Erindale College. Speaking in the Matthews Auditorium, Kaneff congratulated the students at the ceremony. "We are investing in the development of young people who have ... the courage to be future leaders," said Kaneff. Mayor Hazel McCallion who was also scheduled to speak, was unable to attend the function.

In an inspirational speech, E.A. Robinson, former president of Erindale

College, reminded the audience that, "The spirit of Erindale has endured even in these difficult times." Professor Robinson also presented the academic medals.

Several inaugural scholarships were presented on Tuesday night, including the Kim Miller Memorial Scholarships and the Doris Geddes Scholarship. Mrs. Geddes, who was present at the ceremony, said she was thrilled that an award was named after her to honour students who had excelled in first-year calculus. After her retirement, Geddes's friends and colleagues collected funds to establish an award to honour Mrs. Geddes's years of outstanding teaching at Erindale.

The evening got off to a late and bumpy start. At the beginning, students were unsure of whether to walk to the front and receive their award, and whether they were supposed to stay there or return to their seats. This confusion was quickly cleared up by Dr. R. Beck, who gave students specific instructions at the beginning of his presentation of the University of Toronto In-Course scholarships to stay at the front when they received their awards "so we can see who we're applauding."

McNutt led the ceremonies, and spoke highly of the student achievers noting that, "You are our academic leaders." He also commended the parents, loved ones, and friends of students being honoured, whose support plays a big part in helping students succeed academically.

McNutt ended the evening with a plea for financial support from the community, reminding the audience that every dollar donated by the community will be doubled by the government.

Though there were few empty seats when the show got under way at 7:10 p.m., surprisingly, a number of students were not present to receive their accolades. This was compensated by some outstanding achievers like Andrew Shi, who returned to the podium to be congratulated no less than six times.

## Motion to stop ads stalled

by Josie Giuliani

Washroom ads were the focus of discussion at the November 5 College Affairs Committee. The main focus of the meeting was to discuss the issue of advertisements being placed in Erindale washrooms.

Professor McLeod began the discussion in stating he did not approve of the advertisements and did not want them at Erindale. McLeod felt the college had a "ethical and moral obligation to the community to withdraw from the contract [obligation]". McLeod presented to the College Affairs Committee a series of examples to show why he and other members of the university found the advertisements offensive and inappropriate, especially when they are posted "six inches away from your face".

Sol Kessler, the head of Erindale's Physical Plant said that the administration at Erindale has control over where these ads are placed in the washrooms. Unlike the washrooms downtown, "the intent is not to have the advertisements placed six inches away from your face. The intent, in the contract, was to have them placed in-between the urinals and have one advertisement per stall."

Many other members of the committee said that they would not mind the advertisements in Erindale washrooms, if it brought money in to the university. John Macalom, a member of the University Staff Association, who is in charge of the Academic Workshop said, "The inescapable fact is that there are \$30,000 coming to the college. For support staff, this is one person's salary per year."

Peter Baxter, Director of the Erindale Recreation and Athletic Center, felt that those against placing advertisements in Erindale washrooms did not provide any alternative solutions in which the university can generate money. Baxter said, "There are fifty-one minds in the North Building [that signed the petition] who could give ideas on how else we can deal with the deficit issue."

Principal McNutt said that he personally does not find the advertisements offensive. As principal, his view is that the college has an obligation until next August. He also said, "I went for it solely with the view of raising money." For McNutt, the ads are "just a bump to get us through the rough patch."

After Principal McNutt spoke, "Ad" cont'd on page 5

## Medicare issues examined

by Robert Price

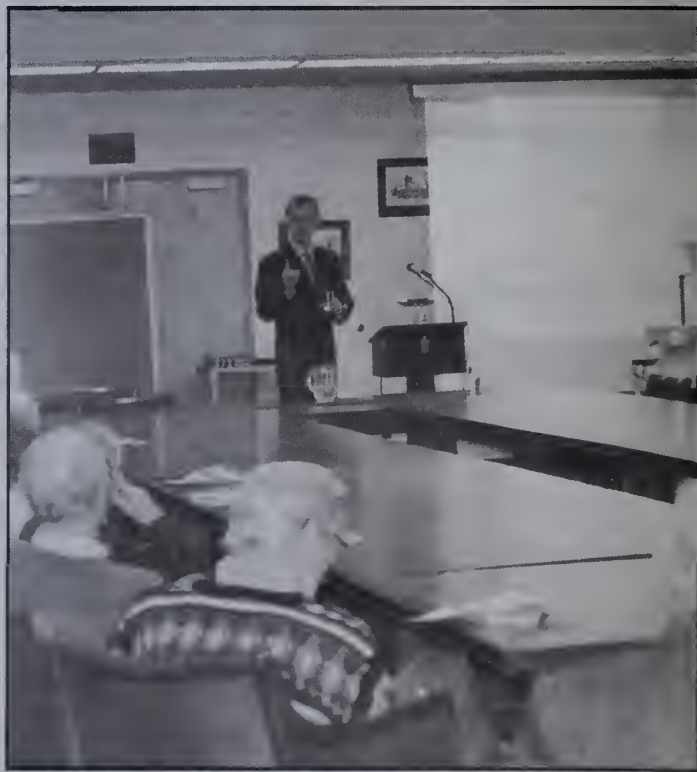
Dr. Ted Boadway, Executive Director of Health Policy for the Ontario Medical Association, and keynote speaker at the Erindale Associates' seminar series, Canadian Perspectives, voiced his views toward the medical profession, government and big business during his one-and-a-half-hour seminar entitled *Medicare: It Wasn't What It Appeared To Be And It Won't Be What It Was..* "We shouldn't hold Harris to his promises [on health care spending]. He has no choice. We can't live with the debt," said Boadway.

Dr. Boadway did not lay blame on any one group for the severe problems plaguing Medicare. Instead, he believes the problems stem from misconceptions about public health care in Canada. In a comprehensive overview of Medicare, using statistics and personal experiences, Dr. Boadway explained many of the misconceptions surrounding public health care to an enormous audience, comprised mainly of senior citizens, last Thursday in Council Chambers.

Medicare appears to be universal, accessible, non-profit and completely publicly funded. This, according to Dr. Boadway, is the major misconception. There are many inequities to the system. Medicare is not completely universal because only hospitals and doctors services are paid under the Health Care Act, expenses like prescriptions are not. Accessibility also varies depending on the patient's geography and social class.

Boadway says, "The legislative structure prevents creativity in the system." A lack of creativity and maintenance has led to what Boadway calls "a fossilized system," which is ignorance to cost-effectiveness. Doctors and patients have been "fossilized" by not having to think about the cost of services. This, in turn, leads to an increased number of public health care services, which is exactly in line with the goals and objectives of past governments. Not having to think about the cost of these services leads to ballooning costs.

Doctors and patients who have no



Dr. Boadway discusses medicare with those most likely to care?

photo by Andrea Ashbaugh

incentive to be cost-effective is one of the "perversions" complicating health care. Boadway illustrated this point with an overhead that read "Government pays-Bleed it!" Another perversion that cost taxpayers money is the insurance industry, which has physicals done for free through OHIP.

Another perversion that Dr. Boadway said bothered him most was the tobacco industry. "The tobacco industry is the only industry going out and selling a product that kills when it is used the way it is intended. Maiming and killing people and not picking up the medical costs is criminal activity by my standards," said Dr. Boadway.

Dr. Boadway concluded his discussion with a vision of the future in public health. He sees increased user fees on prescriptions, chronic and ancillary care, as well as more outpatient delivery, and alternate payment plans for physicians. He added

that the best system would be, "A private system, beggared by a good public system, [because] it is good to let private business take over where they must." However, Boadway does not believe that Canada will move to a US style system, "because we have our own medical history."

The seminar concluded with a question and answer period. One person raised the issue of the government's role in managing health care. Dr. Boadway responded that if government was a wise manager, it would work, however, he doesn't trust the wisdom of the government. Boadway followed this point up by discussing Bill 26, in which he said the Ontario government "gave themselves all the power they need to achieve socialized medicine." Dr. Boadway described "socialized medicine" as the government's control of production, distribution and payment of medicine.

## The Insider

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### Quote of the week:

"Leaving a boring homily is easier and more polite with a remote control than it is at a real church."

—Tech Talk columnist Robert Price.



# OUR STORIES

Next Contestant  
We are fools.  
Foolish,  
to think we are killing  
Earth.  
As if her billions of  
years  
experience  
at self-preservation,  
couldn't save her  
from our man-made  
catastrophes.

Deadly human egoism.  
We are dying,

killing ourselves with  
our toxins,  
our solutions,  
our creations,  
our only enemies,  
ourselves.

She  
won't need to create  
an inoculation.  
We,  
puny planet parasites,  
already invented the  
antidote.  
It eats us alive,  
mutates us,  
cooks us

from the inside,  
out.

When we are dead,  
Earth will laugh  
in our decomposing  
faces,  
as green as she ever was

She survived the  
dinosaurs.  
She survived the  
humans.  
Bring on the next  
contestant.

by Laura Snider



photo by Andrea Ashbaugh and Kevin Robinson

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## ERINDALE COLLEGE ♦ CAREER CENTRE

### SUMMER JOBS

Applications for the Federal Student Work Experience Program (FSWEP) have arrived. The program offers students the opportunity to work during the summer in federal govt. departments and agencies. An excellent opportunity to enhance skills and career related experience! Other summer jobs are now being listed as well.

### VOLUNTEER JOBS

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The Career Centre has excellent reference books on how to create effective resumés and covering letters. You can research potential career occupations through our Career Information Library. Employment directories, future trends, and working abroad information are also available.

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### THE KILLING TIME by DAVID FORTINO

these blinding days are passing,  
with each second he grows old,  
he's tiring, sinking, and slowing down,  
as his greyest days unfold,

all alone inside the cursed bed,  
he's feeling winter's cruellest cold,  
for perfumed smiles and eye-lined-  
eyes,  
slip the grasp of his loving hold,

but the sun shines bright these wintry  
nights,  
as his beauty does decay,  
an hour long he spent before cracked  
glass,  
watching it fade away,

five filthy fingers on an outstretched  
hand  
pushing it all away  
he sees the flames of life in the back of  
his eyes,  
and questions if they'll stay.

down in the room upstairs where the  
girls are fair,  
well he can hear all the words they'll  
speak,  
they'll talk of fast cars and fast boys,  
his ideal of love seems bleak,

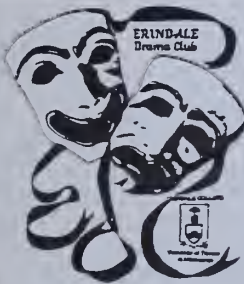
so his skin turns blue and he's losing  
time,  
again he's talking in his sleep,  
for in perfect dreams the hours stand  
still,  
upon waking he falls and weeps.

## Clubs Corner

## EVCF

### This week's events

November 14 @ 5:00 p.m.  
in the Fireplace Lounge  
Chris\* and the "Band" will be  
"playing" and stuff, and we  
will be "singing" and stuff,  
and someone will say some-  
thing and stuff, and it will be  
cool and stuff.  
\*Chris subject to availability



### Deadline

for Drama Club  
membership is  
Friday, November  
15. To audition for  
either of the two  
Hart House festi-  
val plays you must  
be a member! Call  
569-4369 (mailbox

#4) and leave your name, number and  
student number. Auditions begin the  
week of November 24.

## 1996 P.A.U.S.E. 1996

Schizophrenia lecture  
Wednesday, November 13 at 2  
p.m. in South Building lecture hall  
(room number t.b.a.)

## The Erindale Women's Centre

Weekly collective meetings  
Thursdays at noon (905) 569-4605

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## Muslim Students' Association

All events will be held in Room 2072  
at 6:00 p.m. unless otherwise specified.  
Monday, November 11  
• The Meaning of Life: An Islamic Perspective  
Wednesday, November 13  
• From Darkness to Light  
Thursday, November 14  
• MSA Movie Day  
Saturday, November 16  
• Struggle: The Making of a Muslim  
(Council Chambers at 11:30 a.m.)  
Saturday, November 16  
• Islam: A Solution for Humanity.  
Look for MSA stalls the week of Nov. 8 - 16

GENERAL MEETING  
Wednesday, November 13 at 12 p.m.  
Crossroads Building room 44  
Please attend. Re: X-mas party.

## ERINDALE PORTUGUESE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

## Club Punjab

UPCOMING EVENTS:  
• The Eclipse at Club  
KLYMAXX  
November 15, 8-?  
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week in the Meeting  
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members \$6, door \$10)  
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Club hotline:  
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# News

## Robinson defends the compassionate society



Robinson: champion of social equality and responsible government.

by Lennox Phillips

Since the Tory government swept into office a year and five months ago, Ontario has been caught up with how the Tories enormous cuts to social programs have affected quality of life. Recently, Metro Days of Action highlighted the public's concern about the provincial government's policies. However, federal NDP parliamentarian Svend Robinson

photo by Lennox Phillips

reminded his audience at Hart House Debates Room last Wednesday that the federal Liberal government is also responsible for the declining quality of social services in Ontario and the rest of Canada. Robinson said he was "delighted to be in a province that is fighting back" against government policies that are "increasing the gap between the rich and the poor." During his speech, Robinson focused on the federal government and its

polices and said that Canadians have been betrayed by the government.

He asked, "Where are we at as a nation? Where are we going? And how has the Liberal government performed?" Then he answered his own questions. "Betrayal and broken promises."

Robinson argued that Canada's foreign policy is "morally bankrupt" because the federal government resumed the sale of arms to Indonesia which "this government was not elected to do."

He reminded the audience that while the Tories seemed to be doing most of the cutting to social programs we must not forget that "the Liberals took \$7-billion away from social programs." This, he said, has resulted in the decimation of cultural and educational programs. "The tragedy of all this is, while the Liberals are decimating programs, the voice of the left is being muted even more." To rectify this, Robinson believes that New Democrats need more political voice because we can only expect things to get worst.

To highlight current inequities in society, Robinson asked his audience whether it was right that the average corporate CEO to earn \$776,000 and the average bank CEO \$1,000,000, when Canada currently has the second highest level of child poverty rate amongst industrial countries. He also revealed that aboriginals have a greater chance of ending up in prison than university and that the unemployment rate among the youth is at 20%. While many audience members appeared to be aware of much of what Robinson spoke about, he drove home his point on inequities in society by pulling out a recent newspaper article which reported that 16 recently hired employees of the Globe and Mail are middle-aged white men. "This is why we need affirmative action," said Robinson.

Tuition has increased by 140% in Ontario in the last ten years, and the average student graduates with a \$24,000 debt. The most recent increases, according to Robinson, can be traced back to the Liberal government's \$7-billion cut in transfer payments to provinces. However, he also noted that the incumbent provincial government's lack of priorities is equally responsible for tuition increases as tuition fees have been frozen in his own province, British Columbia, to allow for greater accessibility. Things are getting so bad for university students in Canada that "the University of Calgary has a food bank."

Speaking on corporations, Robinson said, "One of the most dangerous trends is corporate dominance in research and development." He explained this point by saying that half of drug research is carried out by multinational companies, and not governments. Robinson believes that this has resulted in, "corporations bullying researchers to give them results that they want to hear and that

will make them money." It is essential and important for government to be involved in Research and Development because "a nation's commitment to knowledge defines a country," said Robinson.

Robinson's remedy for the current funding cutbacks and social ills such as child poverty, is tax reform. Robinson supports a financial transaction tax. In addition, since Canada has the lowest Corporate taxation in the OECD, Robinson believes more corporation taxation is a possibility. \$15-billion in corporate profits were not taxed last year.

At the end of his presentation, someone asked Robinson how he accounts for the popularity of the Liberal government. "It has to do with the dysfunctional political system," and the lack of opposition in parliament said Robinson. "The views of many Canadians are not being heard in parliament." How does the NDP plan to reassert itself? Robinson replied, "We have to be clear about what we stand for, that will rally back support."

## Fraser love-in enlightens

by Robert Price

One hundred students from twenty-five universities registered for the Fraser Institute's *Student Seminar on Public Policy Issues*. The Saturday (Nov. 2) seminar was sponsored by the W. Garfield Weston Foundation and held at Sheraton Centre Hotel.

The event was co-ordinated by Annabelle Addington, director of student programs at the Fraser Institute. Fazil Mihar, a policy analyst with the Fraser Institute, was the emcee.

Mihar described the purpose of the seminar as a way of creating awareness of issues concerning public policy for students. Throughout the day he introduced the speakers and their discussion topics and finished off the day with a presentation of his own entitled *Regulatory Overkill: the Hidden Tax on Job Creation?* Mihar suggested that "excessive government regulations are now a big obstacle to the creation of jobs. Regulation is akin to using 'stealth' technology to kill jobs." He presented statistics that suggested regulations in 1993-94 cost a family of four \$11,929 and the economy \$85.7 billion on the whole. Suggestions Mihar made on how these costs could be lowered includ-

ed "a moratorium on new regulations for three years," as well as "encouraging market-driven responses, for example voluntary standards and negotiated compliance."

The day's first speaker was Nevill Nankivell, an editor at the *The Financial Post*, spoke on issues relating to government spending, government privatization and government tax relief.

To increase student participation,

*"The speakers were excellent. They touched on issues that are of real concern to the youth in this province and in this country."*

—Satinder Chera

discussion groups were formed. However, these groups tended to be dominated by right-wing sentiments that were supported largely by the group leaders. While the discussion groups were entertaining and engaging, the discussions lacked direction and arguments based on facts. This resulted in many people debating the same point, each using statistics which supported their own argu-

ments, but at the same time contradicting statistics presented by others in the group. Thus it was hard to determine fact from fiction.

Craig Yirush, a Ph.D. student from John Hopkins University in Baltimore, conducted a humorous seminar on the state of civil justice in Canada.

Entertainment during lunch was provided by a pseudo-Rush Limbaugh character, Ezra Levant. Levant presented a hilarious seminar on issues covered in his new book *Youthquake*. His presentation dealt mainly with the difficult financial situation Canadian youth will be forced to deal with in the future, particularly focusing on the bankrupt CCP and the deficit.

In his discussion, John Palmer, a professor of economics at Western, posed the question "Can your generation afford today's deficits?" His answer was "yes," but he says it will cost a lot.

Many U of T students attended Saturday's seminar. Erindale student Satinder Chera learned about the seminars through the Ontario Progressive Conservative Youth Association and said, "The speakers were excellent. They touched on issues that are of real concern to the youth in this province and in this country."

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The year books have arrived and will be ready for distribution commencing November 8.

## STUDENT **AWARENESS** DAY

Thursday, November 14/96

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# Car Tipping & Perspectives

## Notice!

On Sunday, October 27, a female student was assaulted while walking along the pathway from the Crossroads Building to Colman Place. She was able to free herself and run to safety, and suffered no physical injuries. A thorough search of the campus by Campus and Peel Police officers failed to turn up the male suspect. Campus Police describe the suspect as a well-built, white male about 6 feet tall, 25-30 years old with straight, blond, collar-length hair. He has a fair complexion, "average" to "unkempt" appearance, and was last seen wearing a blue jean jacket and blue jeans. Anyone with information regarding this incident is encouraged to contact the Campus Police at 828-5200.

## Canadian Perspectives

The Canadian Perspectives Lecture Series continues this week. Ronald E. Starr and Karl Wahl, both from Mississauga Hydro, will present "Hydro Utilities — Looking to the Future" on November 14 at 10 a.m. Coffee, tea and juice will be served at 10:45, followed by a question-and-answer period. For registration and more information, call (905) 828-5214.

## Hearts of Hate

Hearts of Hate is a documentary film on young racists and the groups they join. Filmmaker Peter Raymount penetrated groups such as The Heritage Front, Aryan Nations, Church of the Creator, and Canadian chapters of the KKK to examine policies of violence and manipulation — and the power these groups exert over young minds and imagination.

The film will be shown in room 2068 in the South Building on

Thursday, November 14, at 8 p.m. Hearts of Hate is a frightening wake-up call. Viewers will be shocked by how far these young recruits are willing to go to impose their racist hatred. Illusions of Canada as a peaceful, tolerant society are profoundly challenged. We discover how sophisticated racists are at exploiting new communication technologies and how little is being done to stop them.

For more information contact: Humberto Carolo, SAC Human Rights Officer, (416) 978-4911.

## Remembrance Day Observance

There will be a brief Remembrance Day ceremony in

perceptions about Muslims on campus.

"The Muslim Students Association main aim is to nurture an atmosphere in which negative stereotypes are non-existent and a sense of co-operation can be built."

## Campus Police Report

October 31, 3:45 p.m.: A Phase 3 resident reported that someone was maliciously ringing their doorbell and fleeing the area. How the hell do you maliciously ring a doorbell?

October 31, 5:40 p.m.: A male student reported that his friend had been assaulted by two other males. Campus Police urged the student to get his friend to file a report, but no complaint was made.

November 1, 1:30 a.m.: A Toyota Tercel was found tipped on its side in

parking lot five. Officers attended, but the suspects were gone. A tow truck was called, but couldn't navigate into a position that would allow it to gently lower the car back onto its wheels. Consequently, the Tercel was simply pushed back onto its wheels. Moderate damage was done to the bodywork. The perpetrators obviously mistook the Tercel for an old-style Coke machine ... or a cow! Police are searching for someone with a hernia.

November 1, 2:30 a.m.: A resident of Phase 5 reported that someone had tried to get in her front door. The person left after she had a discussion with him.

November 1, 4:00 a.m.: A female student reported that a male student was harassing her. The report stated, "Counselling options were given to the female."

## Natty News Bits by Lennox Phillips



Doesn't this guy know that Robbie Burns Day is in February?

photo by Onavio Cicconi

November 1, 10:00 a.m.: A female resident of Phase 5 reported that an unidentified male had knocked on her door earlier that morning. The male reportedly left the area without incident. The report was titled Suspicious Circumstances. I think Freaky Incident better describes this incident.

November 2, 10:45 a.m.: The Blind Duck reported that someone smashed the window in the men's washroom. The culprit is not known, but we do suspect he or she has a long tail and brays.

## VOLUNTEER

### POSITION:

Newspaper layout  
Desktop publishing  
experience preferred.  
contact The Medium

## Ad reform hopes in the can

cont'd from cover

Professor J. Bielert set a motion before the committee, "In consideration of the petition that was circulated in the North Building, the College Affairs Committee recommends to Erindale College Council that Erindale does not proceed with the proposed advertising in College washrooms." This motion was seconded by EPUS president, Katerina Warren, who suggested the subject be tabled to another meeting.

The motion proposed by Bielert failed by a majority vote from the College Affairs Council. After the motion failed, the meeting was adjourned by the Council Chair. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 7, 1997.

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## Washroom ads should be flushed

Since universities arose in the thirteenth century, they have had one unflinching pursuit: Truth. Today the pursuit for truth continues. Biologists, philosophers, mathematicians, forensic scientists, historians, English professors and their peers all seek empirical knowledge about the world in which we live.

Today, there is no denying the fact that universities face a funding crisis. Governments are reducing or limiting public sector funding. Funding alternatives are limited. U of T has decided that washroom ads are an acceptable alternative funding method. One administrator, while defending the placement of the washroom ads, argued that if a source of income doesn't interfere with the function of the university, then the university should pursue it. Perhaps, but the funding should not compromise the integrity of the university.

Accepting advertising on campus is not as clear and simple as it appears. We read the ad. We consider the merits of the product. We ask: does product X satisfy my wants, desires or needs? We determine whether we want to purchase. End of story. Right?

Not so fast, ad man.

Truth is antithetical to advertising. Advertising doesn't merely offer us information and enable us to make a decision about purchasing a product in order to fulfill antecedently existing needs and desires. Advertising creates wants. This is what keeping up with the Joneses is all about. Advertisers who create needs are involved in a self-fulfilling profit-cy. Create the need. Fill the need. Succeed. As J. K. Galbraith wryly commented, "wants are created by the process by which they are satisfied."

Advertising uses rhetoric as a tool to convince us we need something. Many advertisers manipulate and control us in ways which violate our dignity and our autonomy. Advertisers haven't denied this in over 50 years. Indeed, in 1941 advertising consultant Dr. Dichter noted that the successful advertiser "manipulates human motivations and desires and develops a need for goods with which the public has at one time been unfamiliar—perhaps even undesirous of purchasing."

Much advertising can be categorized as morally questionable. Morally questionable advertising includes ads that are designed to deceive the consumer by deliberately uttering/portraying a falsehood, as well as ads that understate or selectively withhold relevant product information. Ads professing the possible achievements of anti-wrinkle agents are examples of the former. Skin creams with 'anti-wrinkling agents' only address the perceived 'problem' superficially. Wrinkling is caused not by the skin, but by our facial muscles beneath the skin. Cigarette advertising, prior to the addition of Health Canada warnings about the hazards of using the product—emphysema, cancer, potential birth defects—is one example of the latter.

The advertiser strives to persuade. Persuasion is not inherently bad. But in advertising, where the persuader is the only party *guaranteed* to benefit from the act, persuasion is bad. And when the advertiser deceives to persuade, the act is immoral.

Essentially, washrooms ads have no place in universities because advertisements are not interested in truth. Universities are.

As the ties between universities and business increase, the fundamental purpose of the university is altered. The allocation of resources becomes connected to the sources of funding. Corporate assistance and corporate funding become corporate-directed curriculum and corporate-directed research. In addition, scientific research becomes oriented for financial profit rather than social profit. The non-profit sectors of the university—the humanities, the social sciences—are rendered less-important. Corporations generally support business-oriented fields of learning—management, information management (computer sciences), biology (biotech firms)—and neglect disciplines where something more substantive than money is at stake.

The introduction of washroom stall advertising, a further intrusion by mass media into our private domain, confirms the diminished stature of universities in contemporary society where market-force hegemony becomes further entrenched daily.

Today, in the post-industrial society, the university is no longer the motor driving society; it's more like an automated factory churning out 'consuming' commodities. (The commodities, that's us, are to be the somewhat affluent consumers of tomorrow. Or so the theory goes.)

There was a time when the university aspired to produce the moral and political leaders of tomorrow. The comfortable bureaucrats running today's university (into the intellectual ground?) aspire to produce what?

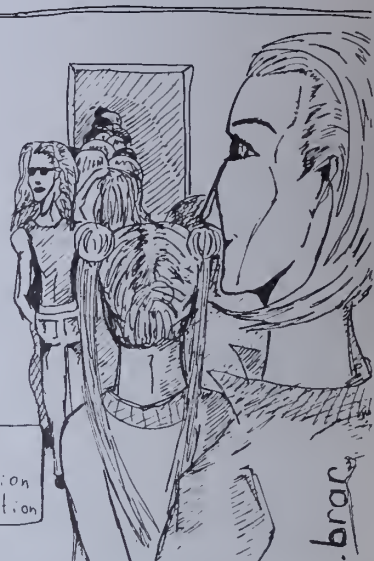
And at what cost?

Lennox and Veronica would like to thank Ryan for his assistance. Veronica says: I'm dominating the blurb. R. - sorry for deleting your CD reviews (Oops!). Dom and Kelly - thanks for the great hugs. Ted, thanks for the art book (I love it!). Lennox, we must go skipping in the leaves again. Andrea, love the hair. It brings out your eyes! Tim says: I have no room left to write anything. There is one positive side to the bathroom ads: they cover up some of the hate graffiti. Big T: luv ya. Snuggle with you soon.

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we can sign up.



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## UPSIDE

## DOWN

by Natalie Secretan

### For My Sister

Autumn, beautiful autumn, when leaves fall and crunch underfoot, and half-clad trees bend and whisper in frigid tones under an amber, harvest moon. Leaves scatter, holding hands, fleeting on the night's breeze, and skip and dance to the sea's irradiated rhythm. Solemn Selene, moon goddess, smiles in her languid tone, ponderous in her joy, meditative in her pain, ever-watchful mother in wakeful night; she restoreth my soul.

Skies cloud over grey, heavy with thoughts of seasons past, pausing to hide the face of the moon, while witches and demons grow restless and steal forth unnoticed. And I, too, join the night's incantation, charmed by its invocation, bemused by its invitation. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me ...

Shadows grow long and obscure against this sable dust earth, forming shapes unknown and sometimes forgotten. And the sea creeps up on its hands and knees and tries to engulf with its gnarled fingers my shadow. But it cannot drown my thoughts, for tonight is for remembering, and deep within the chamber of my mind thoughts of you stir and rustle forth like the dancing leaves on the dusky breeze.

And I, last in this grave procession tread softly over bars of sand and follow the singing leaves to a desert land, where grains of time have dispersed and are now convoluted. The hour glass did once contain this sand, but could not loyally predict the future, and splintered into a million tiny fragments to form the past, this desert. Stopping

here, the leaves join hands, encircle this space, spinning fast and frantically, until they are not one but a mass of colour like a fury of flames, which grow ever higher, bending and bowing to the moon, sometimes climbing taller than the steepest spire.

Around the bonfire of leaves there sits the November dead, who cook up mournful tales and doleful dreams of forgotten sorrows. And I, amongst this motley company, scribe to you, my dear sister, an elegy, for it is my thoughts, these words, that will breathe everlasting life into your memory.

We built sand castles, rich and grand, but nobody came to see them, and now they stand derelict and

empty. We made angels in the snow, but yours flew away, and all that was left of mine was a watery outline. Sometimes I visit that old weeping willow tree where you would sing to me. Your eyes are the knots in the trees that constantly watch and follow me. Your arms, its branches reach out for me, and I shall fall into the comfort of your sisterly embrace, momentarily, ever-knowing that one day we will be together again; but until that day, I will surrender the solace of your bosom, knowing that you will wait for me. And for each step I take, two are made, and when the two become one, then November will be my month, too: the month of the dead, the month for remembering.

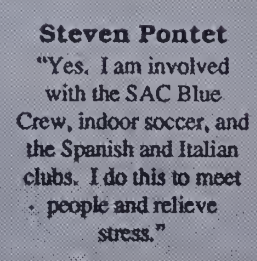
## Talking Heads

Aside from academics, are you involved in the Erindale community? If yes, with who and why? If no, why not?



Mila Havula

"No. I'm just here to get my degree, get out and go home. Thunder Bay Rocks!"



Steven Pontet

"Yes. I am involved with the SAC Blue Crew, indoor soccer, and the Spanish and Italian clubs. I do this to meet people and relieve stress."



Lucas Wang

"Yes. Sigma Chi fraternity. It helps me develop my character and leadership skills, and my frat brothers take me for who I am. Their support is overwhelming."



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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# PERSPECTIVES

## Should 'family reunification' be included in our immigration policy?



**YES**

JORGE HURTADO

Recent weeks have witnessed numerous calls from both the right-wing in Parliament and the mainstream media for a re-evaluation of immigration policies. The notion of sponsorship, in particular, has stirred the cauldron of discontent amongst conservatives. Calls for pragmatic government and decisions based on practicality have impassioned Reformers and Tories to denounce existing immigration policies as an example of the excesses that need to be trimmed to save our troubled economy.

The right, via sympathetic columnists and editorials in Canada's popular newspapers, have done a good job in misleading Canadians that the ability of immigrants to sponsor relatives to Canada leads to widespread abuse of social services. This attack on immigration policies is a shrewd and immoral attempt to scapegoat an identifiable group for the economic and social maladies that permeate

Canadian society.

A fair and objective analysis of immigration trends, coupled with a basic use of logic, reveals that Canada should support the entry of immigrants and their kin because of their positive impact on our economy.

Trends have shown that immigrants and their families work longer hours than Canadian workers. The immigrants that arrive are mostly from the skilled worker/entrepreneurial group and actually contribute to the creation of employment. In fact, the percentage of immigrants on welfare is proportionately lower than the percentage of the general Canadian population on welfare.

U of T sociologist Edward Herberg, who specializes in ethnic studies, states that the immigrant population and their kin contribute more taxes per capita than Canadian-born workers.

The right-wing argument in favor of curbing immigration because of the abundance of immigrants already here conflicts with the reality of the Canadian birth rate which is too low to adequately replenish our population.

The argument that sponsorship serves only to burden an exhausting social safety net can be easily dismissed by existing immigration legislation which dictates that the sponsor must guarantee that those being sponsored will not become dependent on the system. Notwithstanding this regulation, up to 59% of immigrants bring monetary investments with them that help to stimulate job creation.

If closely examined, what is left of conservative rhetoric condemning the desire of immigrants to be re-united with loved ones and their actual benefits to Canadian society is a vague, unsubstantiated belief bordering on paranoia about the 'invading hordes of immigrants' and their high cost to hard-working Canadians.

This is not to say that Canadians should not have concerns about the state of our present social and economic situations. An ever-expanding economy that works efficiently with unemployment at 10%, dwindling job prospects for youth, and diminishing social services indicates that serious re-evaluation of how our system works is necessary. Even to partially attribute fault to immigrants is absurd, irrational and most importantly unproved.

If, for a moment we are to use some reason and good sense as opposed to 'common sense', it would be easy to see the lynching of immigration policies by pro-business politicians and newspapers. Not allowing immigrants the right to re-unification with their families is an example of the deflection of real blame in society away from affluent elites to disadvantaged and marginalised groups.

Tremendous tax loopholes enjoyed by banks, multinational corporations and high-income families seem a more realistic group to target and at the very least made to pay their fair share than people proven to be beneficial to the economy and the overall growth of Canada.

Canada is the greatest country in the world to live in. And the people of Canada owe it to themselves, their neighbours and the children of this land to do whatever they can to keep this country great. One thing that can be done to accomplish this goal is to strengthen Canadian immigration policies so that the people who come into Canada are the best people that we can find. To do this, we must, among other things (such as removing all quotas), not allow family reunification to play a role in Canada's immigration policy.

To understand my argument, one must first know what family reunification is. Family reunification gives preference to immigration applicants who already have relatives living in Canada. This sounds innocent enough, doesn't it? But when one looks at the shape that Canadian

immigration is in now, Canadians must ensure that immigrants who come to this country are admitted based on one qualification only: merit.

Historically, immigrants to this country are what made our country what it is today. Generally, immigrants have been harder working and more intelligent than the average Canadian. Why? Simply because Canada chose its immigrants in the past. The lazy and unintelligent were weeded out and only the best were allowed in. Lately though, this has not been the case. During the Trudeau era the regulations were weakened. As a result immigration was based less on qualifications and more on political motivations.

The government of a country, acting in the interests of its people, needs to control who can and cannot come into that country, at least for the physical safety of its citizens. Not that I am suggesting that immigrants are criminals. Far from it. It is just that it is better that ten good people get turned away than one criminal let in. The government also has to have tighter control over immigration to ensure that immigrants do not become a burden on the Canadian taxpayer, especially with today's predominant "less tax and less government" ideology.

Emigrating to a new country is never easy. Immigrants know that they are going to have to give up a lot when they leave their homeland. People who come to Canada should not expect to be able to bring over their parents, adult children or extended family as soon as they are settled. At the risk of sounding 'right-wing', family reunification seems to fit in with a certain flaw of Canadian culture, and that flaw is that people feel that they deserve everything, that everything should be given to them.

After all, it is the best of best worlds, is it not? Come to Canada, a land of opportunity, but let's not give up anything, let's have everything we had in the old country as well. This may seem like an achievable ideal, but it is unrealistic. People should not be chosen because of who they are related to; in any other situation, this is called favouritism and discrimination, and it is, to say the least, frowned upon.

Merit in immigration, as in any other situation, is the only way to ensure equality, fairness, and a gender- and racially-blind system. If merit is not the defining factor, then the people, the taxpayers, lose control of the institutions, and the fundamental right of equality that we cherish so greatly in this country is trod upon.

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**NO**

ALLAN CRAIGIE

## OLOGIES & ISMS

## OUT OF THE MARGINS – THE ENVIRONMENT

by Nancy Moniz

### WASTE NOT, WANT NOT

Do these scenarios sound familiar?

It's 5 a.m. Still half asleep, you drag the blue box to the curb, because you forgot to do it the night before. Or you spend time and money trying to bribe someone else to take the garbage out for you.

Is dealing with garbage more trouble than you have time for? If you live in a jurisdiction that has implemented the 3Rs programme, you invariably find yourself lugging a blue and/or grey box to the curb at least twice a month.

Reduce, reuse and recycle is not simply a catch phrase coined by the environmental movement. It is the wave of the future or, at least, that is the idea.

Despite their increasing environmental consciousness, Canadians have the dubious distinction of ranking second only to the US per capita in municipal solid waste production. This statistic is not something we want to advertise on Canadian tourism brochures. According to Duncan Bury, director of the Recycling Council of Ontario, Canadians produce on a per capita basis approximately 1000 kg of municipal solid waste per year—350 kg of that 1000 kg is generated per capita as residential or household waste.

The Information Age holds promise for a reduction in the production of waste. It has not quite worked out that way, at least not yet. In 1992, D. Bartkiw, assistant director of the Waste Management Branch of the Ministry of the Environment, wrote that the introduction of the personal computer and the photocopier have significantly contributed to the increase in paper wastes. The greatest proportion, approximately 36 per cent, of residential waste is composed of paper. This includes newspaper, boxboard, cardboard, magazines, phone books, tissue paper and plenty more. It is not too difficult to realize when you consider how much paper waste is generated by paper jams in printers, poor quality photocopies, lecture notes accumulated at the end of a semester, and rough drafts produced for each essay.

As of January 1990, 14 per cent of household refuse was recycled by the blue box system, but recycling is not the be all and end all of the 3R strategy. Of the three strategies, priority should lie

with reducing the amount of waste generated. With less waste, there are fewer environmental concerns. Consuming less is not the most favourable route for Canadians, but in conjunction with source reduction, such as minimizing the amount of packaging used, it can be a means of easing the pressure on landfills.

There is a simple correlation between the amount of waste generated and its subsequent environmental impact: With greater amounts of disposed waste, there is an increase in the type and concentration of air pollutants from incinerators and an increase in the amount of land converted into massive garbage dumps. Considering that landfills in their "natural" state do not provide the most picturesque landscape, more is not better.

Reuse simply means looking at your garbage differently. Examine what you are throwing away and consider whether it has another use. If you have donated a hand-me-down you have contributed to the environmental cause. So revive your garbage by injecting it with a new purpose. Increase the life span of bottles, plastic containers, clothes and paper. See it as something other than disposable.

Virginia MacLaren of the Department of Geography here at the University of Toronto wrote that the factors that motivate participation in the 3R programme can be divided into three categories: economic, social and environmental.

The economic factor hits consumers right in the pocketbook and is considered the most effective means of creating large scale change. One method undertaken by some jurisdictions to enforce the blue box program is to issue monetary penalties to households that do not participate.

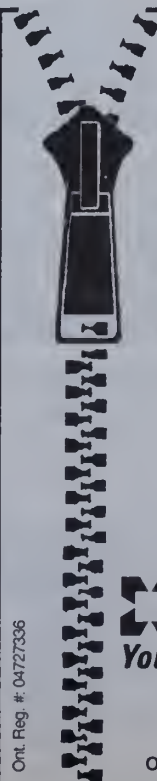
The social factor can be considered the politically correct or jump-on-the-bandwagon approach. The pressure to participate comes not from the desire to do some good, but from a selfish quest for social status. Look to Hollywood for examples of this.

But the most important reason to participate should be to ensure that the environment is used on a sustainable

basis, so that people may continue to breathe (because pollutant concentrations are kept to a minimum), and so we may continue to drink groundwater (because it has not been infiltrated with leachate from landfills).



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# TECH TALK

by Robert Price

## ISSUE: Does God have TV in Heaven?

Last Sunday I slept in until eleven o'clock. I went downstairs, cooked myself an omelette and turned on the television. The channel broadcast a church service.

Until then, I had never watched a church service on television. What I saw was a Catholic mass, and aside from being on television, it was pretty much the same as a real service. Wearing bedhead and pyjamas, I watched and ate breakfast. I watched the entire service, with the exception of the majority of the priest's homily, which wasn't nearly as interesting as channel surfing. Leaving a boring homily is easier and more polite with a remote than it is at a real church.

A different denomination of the Christian church aired on another channel. This show featured an enthusiastic evangelist, who preached on the subject of sins of the flesh. He took some interesting below-the-belt shots at the Catholic church, who were, ironically enough, preaching about the same subject on the aforementioned other channel. The evangelist finished the show by offering video cassette copies of the programme.

On another channel, following the other churches, came a religious service, which I believe originates from the Middle East. They were not speaking English, so I couldn't understand what they were saying, but I did find the music and their singing refreshing in comparison to all the talking I'd heard on the other channels.

When it comes to religion on television, I have trouble deciding my stance. I understand that the mandate of many religions is to convert more people to their philosophy and television is a good way to accomplish this. I can remember how my great-grandmother, who was often sick, would stay an active member of her religion by watching it on television. I suppose in this respect, religious groups accessible through television are providing services needed to keep their members active. I am skeptical, however, about how effective television is at spreading the religion's message. Unless a person is a deeply dedicated follower, I doubt anybody is paying attention to what is said, especially when the service is interrupted by commercials.

I am curious to know how many people have been converted to a religion through television, compared to the number of people who have lost their faith in religion through television. Ignoring the hypocrisy and bad leadership that some churches have exhibited in the past, I believe that television has done nothing to end this plague. With the suspicious activities that a few dishonest people have engaged in through television, the good names of many well-meaning churches have been stripped of the legitimacy they once held, in the eyes of many people.

Along with television, I have seen religious groups open web sites. The reason for this is the same as why mass is televised, I'm sure: to spread their messages to as many as possible and to allow for better interaction with members. Not too long ago, I read about a web site that offered the subscriber an opportunity to confess to a Catholic priest over the Internet. I was relieved to hear that the web site was not approved by the Vatican.

God knows that there is a television cult on Earth. Religious groups should not live in the past, but they should not help build what seems to me to be an electronic tower of Babylon. I believe religious groups should distance themselves from electronic activities which are counter-productive. As for myself, I'll shut the television off and go to church, or at the very least, read the Bible.

No one has to say that defaulting a student loan violates certain ethics, though some may wonder who can afford ethics when you are \$26,000 in debt, with a job that pays minimum wage. Throughout the years many students have declared personal bankruptcy and faced the nine month term of their bankruptcy, resuming life as a reformed citizen able to get as much credit as they want, without debt.

Nine months, and not much opposition to the discharge of bankruptcy. Seems easy? It used to be, but things are changing. That is not to say that students aren't still trying to default on the loan but the government is becoming privy to what they may regard as an unethical practice. You may say people would not default on their student loans, if their education was more affordable. To that end, as will become evident, there are all sorts of financial structures in place to help the students meet the financial demand of their education; at least the government provides financial assistance to those who need it. But then again, in Ontario, that covers just about everybody.

According to David Sidebottom, financial aid manager of the University of Toronto Admission and Awards, "The trend across Canada is, predictably, more loan assistance and less grant offers." Sidebottom says that "The Harris government emphasizes the income contingent loans whereby the amount per payment is based on income, and this is commendable, because it requires that payment is made in relation to wages earned."

According to Sidebottom, "More and more people are declaring personal bankruptcy." The federal government is trying to introduce a provision that will prevent students from declaring bankruptcy on a student loan during the first two years after they have completed their studies. Sidebottom says that "It is not uncommon for the government to extend the six months after graduation to 18-24 months before interest is charged on the student loan, but it is necessary to appeal to the bank manager and present any extenuating circumstances."

Sidebottom goes on to warn that "Once you default, the government will seize your tax refund and apply it to student loan areas, and it would be hard to get a loan or mortgage." However, according to Ula Manski, bankruptcy trustee of Dunwoody Inc., "It is only hard to get a loan or mortgage during the actual, at present, nine months that you officially face undischarged bankruptcy. Once you are discharged of your bankruptcy and you show stability in your finances, meaning you have a job, then you apply and probably get a loan or mortgage again; however, your bankruptcy remains on your record for seven years."

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— David Sidebottom, UofT financial aid manager

The University of Toronto does not offer seminars or financial counselling on how to pay back student loans. On page 18 of the Canada Student Loans Program Student Guide is an outline of what to do if you are unable to repay your loan due to circumstances such as family size or lack of income. The government offers an interest relief program,

whereby the federal government from this, there are few programs break that the government gives the biggest break of all would be

For those interested in the possibility of not going to a lawyer, but to a bankruptcy trustee in the yellow pages. Some are who you come in for a consultation, Dunwoody Inc. and James B. Watson. I have time to answer my questions.

I approached many bankruptcy trustees. I would go about defaulting on student loans, but the most conclusive answer was from Bankruptcy Trustee Firm.

This particular firm requires that you explain your situation, so that you can let them know your personal bankruptcy. There are many ways to explain your situation to your creditors.



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2) you could ask for a debt counselling, or; 4) you could ask to have your debt forgiven. These are all reasonable and workable options. You don't have to pay anything back—if you're an insolvency trustee, you can pay the debt even if you sold your assets. bankruptcy, which is the legal process. Once you declare bankruptcy, creditors can't seize your assets.

After consulting with a trustee, the only option, you are required to file a statement of affairs, which outlines how much you owe, which states who you owe, and covers two counselling sessions.

When the documents are filed with the court, you are legally bankrupt.

From here the trustee notifies the creditors and arranges a meeting between you and the trustee. At this point the trustee will charge the bankruptcy and take your case and circumstance into account.

A point to note, attorney general's office can declare a person bankrupt based on student loan alone. In addition to the student loan, the court can declare you bankrupt in your favour.

If the attorney general does not

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# STUDENT LOAN BURDEN? DEFAULT? BANKRUPTCY? CAN AND BEAR IT?

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Bankruptcy remains on the bankruptee's history for seven years, but  
they are discharged for the bankruptcy in nine months. All that is needed  
is to show you have reformed as a result of those nine months, and  
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gible to earn another loan or credit card.

*There is a strong possibility that the discharge period could  
be moved from nine months after the official date of bankruptcy  
to three years.*—Glenn Cooper, lawyer

However, according to lawyer Glenn Cooper, "There will be change in  
the Bankruptcy Act with a bill that was introduced to the House of  
Commons on October 24, 1996: Bill C-5 Bankruptcy and Insolvency  
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Defaulting a student loan  
is serious business. Every  
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court by the government  
and if Bill C5 is passed,  
there can be drastic  
changes in the system.

The Canada Student

Loans Program Student Guide cites on page 18 that if you default on your  
student loan, the federal government will: 1) Report you to a credit  
agency; 2) use a private collection company; 3) Take legal action through  
the Department of Justice; and 4) withhold your personal income tax. If  
you enlist the help of a good bankruptcy trustee, you could probably deal  
with the first three consequences with minimal repercussions; however,  
the fourth one is problematic unless, of course, in addition to defaulting  
on your student loan, you don't pay your taxes either.

When a student violates their student loan agreement, they get a free  
education courtesy of the taxpayer; the government doesn't suffer, society  
does. Society has to pump more money  
into educational funding, and the govern-  
ment, in time, will find ways to divert the  
mass of funds into something with more  
common sense than higher education.

By violating the student loan agreement,  
you are violating the trust of a government  
that has significantly inflated the price of  
your education, therefore making it neces-  
sary for you to obtain a loan. The system  
feeds off itself. The scholar is caught in a  
trap. Education is no longer about educa-  
tion, it is about big business. The provin-  
cial government has taken a basic need, a  
need for knowledge and reduced to the  
bases of supply and demand, knowing that  
there will always be a demand and that  
people are rightfully willing to go into  
debt for it.

Some may say that it is unethical not to  
pay back the student loan, but I think the  
simple fact is there should be no need for a  
student loan; education should be univer-  
sal and free. If the cost of being a student  
were not so high, maybe more people  
could afford to pay. Is it ethical for the  
government to lull students into debt under  
the pretense of education? You just have  
to look at the size of your classes com-  
pared to the amount you pay for these  
classes.

It is not ethical to default on the student  
loan, but by the same token, it is not ethi-  
cal to make people pay for knowledge and  
to buy their way to enlightenment. To the  
government I say, "Make education more  
affordable, then maybe we will be able to  
pay for it. Keep on doing what you're  
doing, and we'll all pay."

by Shellinne Budhan



photo by Andrea Ashbaugh

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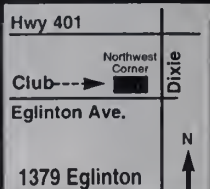
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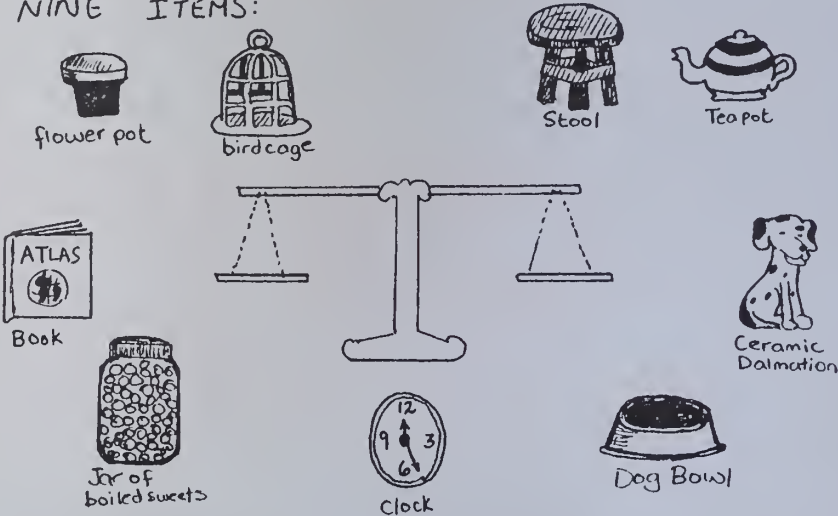


## Wilson's Wonderpuzzle

by Carol Wilson

Timmy's grandmother in England has asked Timmy to post some items to her. She gave Timmy a list of nine items (pictured below) and asked Timmy to send as many as he can. Eight of the nine objects weigh 10 pounds and one weighs 12 pounds. Timmy can only afford to send an 80-pound parcel. The manager at the post office will only allow Timmy to use the balance scale for two measurements. How can Timmy determine which object weighs 12 pounds so that he only sends the other eight to his Gran?

### NINE ITEMS:



## WEBSITE OF THE WEEK

This week's topic: THE SIMPSONS, PART 2.  
This week's winner: <http://www.cen.uiuc.edu/~c-fucco/simpdoo/index.html>  
by Ryan Duquette

"Hi everybody. Hi Dr. Nick." Well here we are again looking at everybody's favourite show, *The Simpsons*. Last week I gave you a great site for Simpsons' sounds and this week I'm suggesting some sites for movies and other assorted goodies.

The first is Dan's Simpson Movies at <http://www.geocities.com/Hollywood/7451/movies.html>, which has about 50 short clips from the show that you can download. One of my favourites is the scene from the Temple of Doom episode with Bart as Indiana Jones stealing from Homer.

This site is great,

because it is very easy to choose what clip you want to download to your computer. The only thing that I did not like about it is that the sizes of the clips are not given.

The next fun site is <http://watarts.uwaterloo.ca/~a2wilson/simpsons/simpdrnk.html> which has a Simpsons' drinking game that is kind of fun. The object of the game is to take a sip (or two or three etc...) of your drink (alcohol preferably) every time the characters say a certain word or perform a certain action. It does not take a genius to make up (or play) a game

like this, nevertheless, I had fun playing it last night. Wait, was it last night? I don't remember. I guess the game works after all.

The third and final site is <http://www.cen.uiuc.edu/~c-fucco/simpdoo/index.html>, which has a game called Simpson Doom and upgrades your existing copy of Doom, so that all the characters in Doom are turned into the characters from *The Simpsons*. You are now Homer running around killing the bad guys (Ned Flanders throws bibles at you, but Moe sports a more conventional shotgun). This game was kind of fun, but the graphics are not really anything to write home about. Until next week, happy surfing.

## How you can tell it's going to be a shitty day.

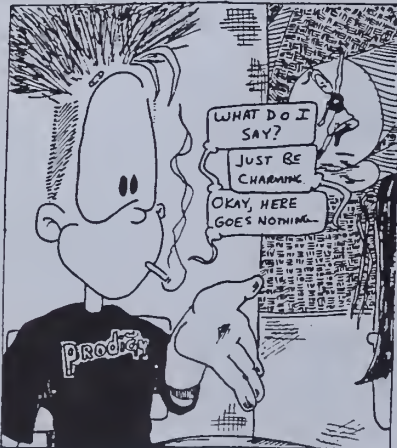
by Elizabeth Barrett

- You wake up face down on the pavement.
- You put your bra on backwards and it fits better.
- You call Suicide Prevention and they put you on hold.

- You want to put on the clothes you wore home from the party and they're gone.
- When you turn the television on, they're showing emergency routes out of the city.
- Your dog eats your glass eye.
- Your wife says, "Good morning, Tim" when your name is Bob.
- Your income tax cheque from the government bounces.
- Your twin sister forgets your birthday.

- Your boss tells you not to bother taking your coat off.
- You put both contacts in the same eye.
- The bird singing outside your window is a buzzard.
- Your blind date is your ex-boyfriend.
- The beer store goes out of business.
- After you shower, you look in the mirror to see your mother's body.
- You discover that lettuce is actually fattening.

## Generation Why?



## Last Week's Answers

### Wilson's Wonderpuzzle

The only assumption you have to make in calculating the answer to last week's Wonderpuzzle was that the bee maintained a constant speed even as it turned around.

Timmy travels 10 miles at 20 miles per hour;

$$V = D/T; T = D/V = 10/20$$

Time to reach the post = 1/2 hour.

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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Nerds, the fifties, and slapstick comedy?

A jumping musical wrapped in vibrant 'Plaid'

What do you get when you mix four nerds, a fifties quartet, the physical slapstick of Mr. Bean and the sentimentality of unrealized dreams? The wonderfully comical *Forever Plaid*.

### MUSICAL REVIEW

by Kelly Thompson

Written, directed and choreographed by Stuart Ross, *Forever Plaid* tells the bitter-sweet tale of the ghosts of four high school chums, who were members of the audio-visual club, and killed in a car accident on the way to realizing their dream—their first big gig at the Airport Hilton cocktail bar.

This production is not only hilarious—the quartet's physical pranks keep the audience laughing right up until the end—but also incredibly moving. One can't help but feel for these four misfits who will never reach the status of stardom.

The precise harmony of Neil Bartram (Sparky), John Devorski (Smudge), Larry Herbert (Frankie), and P. Robert Hughes (Jinx) brings a plaid twist to an array of music that encapsulates the fifties, a period when "four-part guy groups harmonized their way across the airwaves, jukeboxes and hifis of the country." The Plaids endeared themselves to all the audience members, regardless of age.

Though many of the subtle jabs at the fifties generation can only be enjoyed by those old enough to remember Ed Sullivan and Perry Como, the slapstick comedy of the four is definitely inter-generational. At one point, the quartet replace their mics with long-handle plungers to sing *Crazy 'bout You Baby*, a number they had only practised in their basement. The precision the four maintain throughout the 90-minute show must be applauded.

Beneath the intentionally ill-timed dance steps, innuendos, visual gags, and

incredibly smooth singing, *Forever Plaid* touches the audience's hearts by showing the trials and tribulations of four not so popular guys, whose only dream was to be recognised and admired. *Forever Plaid* dedicates the show to "The good guys: to those who wheeled the projector carts for the audiovisual club, to the guys who carried an extra white handkerchief in the back pocket of their chinos and to the guys who never

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Ay que carambada! Sombreros, maracas, tamborinos...It's party time, boys! Musically hilarious (left to right): Neil Bartram, Brian Hill, Peter McCutcheon and Shawn Wright in the *Calypso* number, *Forever Plaid*.

photo courtesy of Flip Publicity

## The Jon Spencer Blues Explosion lives up to its name

The Jon Spencer Blues Explosion is not a blues band. Although they combine elements of blues along with punk and soul, they're by no means simply delta blues singers. They are, however, an "explosion." When Jon Spencer, Judah Bauer, and Russel Simmins hit the Phoenix on November 2, their pure charismatic energy was the match that lit the fuse.

After his slick *Orange* album, Spencer chose to return to the murkier style of his previous band, Pussy Galore. He attributes this change to working with old blues men like RL Burnside and Rufus Thomas before

### CONCERT REVIEW

by Paul Corupe

recording his newest album, *Now I Got Worry*. Blues elements are evident in Judah Bauer's frenzied harmonica tunes and Spencer's distorted, jangling guitar riffs. Spencer kept asking the crowd *Have you ever been lonely?*, which was a blues song he co-wrote with Burnside.

The Blues Explosion has always been primarily a live band, and Spencer played an incredibly high energy set to prove it. He screamed his way through new songs, but

rarely went beyond the material on their *Orange* album, obviously the crowd's favourite. The audience was whipped into a frenzy as Spencer sweated, yelled, and leaped across the stage. Spencer then calmed down the crowd with the high-pitched whining of his original theremin.

He often began a song only to switch to another midway, and would eventually return to the first song later in the program. This was a refreshing relief from the norm.

Halfway through the show, the band moved from a studio sound to a frantic jam session. Spencer talked

to the audience about Quebec, drugs, and anything else he felt like mentioning, over the flow of the guitar. The highlight of the evening came in true rock star-style during one of these jams, when Spencer told the audience to "kiss my ass," because, as he put it, "Your girlfriend still loves me."

Noticeably missing from The Blues Explosion were some of the other artists the band usually works with. There was no organ, as supplied on the album by Money Mark of Beastie Boys fame. Also absent was drummer Thermos Malling. Still, extra people and instruments

may have unnecessarily cluttered the stage and overshadowed Spencer's flamboyancy.

The Blues Explosion's performance, while good, was not as spectacular as usual. This may have disappointed longtime fans, but most of the disappointment of the evening was due to the poor choice of venue. In order for the Phoenix to stage their usual club night, The Blues Explosion were forced off stage by 9 p.m. Many concert goers were thrust out into the cold night in search of entertainment that might hopefully be half as good as The Jon Spencer Blues Explosion.

## Leduc rediscovered at AGO

Approximately 250 paintings and drawings by twentieth century Quebec artist Orlas Leduc, will be on display at the AGO until January 12.

### FINE ART REVIEW

by Heather Saunders

An *Art of Love and Reverie*, organized by the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts and the Musée du Québec, traces Leduc's sixty-year career (late 1800s-1955). The vast array of work shown includes book illustrations that resemble old movie posters, fifty-two tiny landscape drawings, and an awe-inspiring, medieval-style church window.

Upon entering the multi-room exhibit, there is a series of works by contemporary Canadian artist Sheila A. Yearst, whose immensely long paintings feature imagery and subject matter associated with Leduc's work: everyday life, landscapes, portraits, mythology, and religion.

One of Leduc's most celebrated works is *Mauve Twilight*. In terms of formal composition, *Mauve Twilight* is so carefully arranged that the snow collects into two triangles. Well-planned compositions result from preliminary sketches, a practice adopted by

Renaissance artists. Viewers can essentially go backstage by examining the preliminary sketches that accompany many of Leduc's pieces. Viewers will also appreciate the Group of Seven feeling of paintings such as *Mauve Twilight*, with its celebration of the land.

Few remembered Leduc until the 1960s. Fortunately, the AGO has done him justice with an unusually large exhibit. Thanks to the AGO, for a mere \$4, you can enter the world of an artist that *Canadian Art Magazine* calls "a painter of commanding talent."



Orlas Leduc's *Mauve Twilight*, currently showing at the AGO.

photo courtesy of the AGO

## Bach's *Magnificat* kicks off MCS season

The promise of Bach's celestial *Magnificat* lured crowds to the Mississauga Choral Society's (MCS) first concert of the season on November 3. The MCS, accompanied by their resident chamber ensemble, The Sinfony Players, presented a programme that also included Bach's *O Jesu Christ, Meins Lebens Nicht* and the *Berliner Messe*, a work by contemporary Estonian composer Arvo Part.

### CONCERT REVIEW

by Veronica Klapotocz

The MCS was founded twenty years ago by "musical enthusiasts in a portable classroom" at our own Erindale College. Under the guidance of artistic director Chrys Bentley, the MCS performs four concerts a year, including an annual presentation of Handel's *Messiah*, which will take place on December 1.

After a strong opening with Bach's *O Jesu Christ, Meins Lebens Nicht*, the 75-member chorus was replaced by a small chamber choir for the performance of Part's *Berliner Messe*. Hauntingly beautiful, the piece kept the audience entranced throughout all eight movements.

Bentley's very informative introduction to the piece further personal-

ized the audience's experience of Part's music.

Part composed The *Berliner Messe* in 1990 when he was working in Berlin, "as the infamous Berlin Wall was being torn down all around him." Part was so moved by this experience that he decided to immortalize it through music.

The *Berliner Messe* reflects a significant change in the composer's musical style. While Part's work of the sixties was very avant-garde and was described as "complex" and "atonal," the mass is simple, spatial, and reflective of his deep spirituality.

The piece reveals strong influences of Gregorian chant and Eastern Orthodox church music. The Gregorian chant runs throughout the entire piece in the alto and tenor parts, while the sopranos and basses have an ornamental function, singing arpeggios around the melody. The result is a meditative and deeply spiritual work, which can be divided into two segments: the opening and closing movements, which are about "space and colour," and the big movements, such as the *Gloria* and *Credo*, which are sung in a "narrative, compact style."

The opening *Kyrie*, for example, is a solemn movement of unaccompanied choral parts interspersed with instrumental interludes. The tone set

by the *Kyrie*, sombre and haunting like the moaning of an icy winter wind, is interrupted by the forceful and dynamic *Gloria*. The *Erster* and *Zweiter Alleluia*vers, on the other hand, are built on chant-like duets, sung first by the tenors, then the basses, which are answered by the sweet alleluias of the full chorus.

The concluding movement, *Agnus Dei*, returns to the solemn mood of the *Kyrie*, leaving the audience in a state of deep contemplation.

Following a short intermission, the full MCS chorus launched into a vibrant and energetic interpretation of the long-awaited *Magnificat*. One of Bach's crowning choral achievements, the *Magnificat* was composed for the Christmas Vespers of 1724, and built on "a simple four-part tune based on an old Pre-Reformation Gregorian chant."

The *Magnificat* featured MCS resident artists as soloists. Soprano Sharla Nafziger, the somewhat overly dramatic mezzo-soprano Nina Scott-Stoddart, tenor John Tessier, and baritone Michael Downie each delivered laudable performances.

Don't miss the rest of MCS's season, which includes Rossini's *Petite Messe Solennelle*, Mozart's *Mass in C Minor*, and Haydn's *Heligmesse*. Tickets can be ordered by calling (905) 821-0090.



# To Be Forever Plaid

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went beyond first base (and if by some miracle they did, they didn't tell anyone)." By the end of the performance the Plaids seem to shed their title of "nerd" and mature to the level of stardom, upon realizing their life-long dream.

*Forever Plaid* includes several tribute numbers, such as a three-minute-eleven-second medley based on the Ed Sullivan Show, which highlights its best-known acts. The Plaids also encourage audience participation in a sing-a-long of *Malida* by Harry Belafonte, complete with palm trees, bananas and bongos.

It's hard to believe that these guys never take a break; the production doesn't include an intermission, and it really doesn't need one. The

energy and spirit envelop the entire theatre, especially during a tribute to the Beatles. I never thought a quartet could sing *She Loves You* better than the fab four.

Without revealing the ending, because you should really see this show, the Plaids find that once dreams are achieved, a certain sadness comes with it. The audience was truly disappointed to see the music and laughter come to an end.

*Forever Plaid*, playing at the New Yorker Theatre, must come to a close December 31. This off-Broadway hit offers something for everyone. I urge you to go see this memorable showcase of fifties' nostalgia, you'll be mighty plaid you did. Call (416) 872-1111 for tickets.



Aah, such handsome young fellows...

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## Beautiful Thing honest and down-to-earth

Runner-up for the Audience Award at the Toronto Film Festival was Hettie MacDonald's *Beautiful Thing*, a comical, coming-of-age film about teenagers discovering their sexuality.

### FILM REVIEW

by Alan Orino

Unlike most cinematic stereotypes of gay characters, ranging from tormented, self-loathing souls (*Priest*) to crass, outspoken cross-dressers (*The Birdcage*), *Beautiful Thing* is a film features everyday, down-to-earth, working-class people.

The focus of the film is the relationship between teenagers Jamie and Ste. Both boys live in a working-class London high-rise. Jamie (Glen Berry), lives with his mother, Sandra (Linda Henry) and is considered a loner by his peers. Ste (Scott Neal), who resides with his abusive father and his brother, is popular and known to hang out with "the guys."

When Sandra sees Ste suffering from one of his father's beatings, she invites him to stay at her cramped house, where he shares a bed with Jamie. Jamie and Ste come to realize that they have a lot in common, even though they don't associate with each other very much at school. Jamie is eager to offer Ste the compassion he longs for. Ste is somewhat reluctant to return this affection, especially outside of the apartment. Leah (Tameka Empson), the loud-mouthed neighbourhood gossip, suspects they have an intimate relationship, and is more

than tempted to reveal their secret.

Jonathan Harvey has written an honest, down-to-earth narrative that focuses on character development. Jamie, the outsider who's not involved in sports, is a little more aware of his homosexual feelings than Ste. Jamie is, perhaps, the only one who can understand Ste, who hides his emotional turmoil from everyone else.

Ste, like Jamie, wants somebody to trust and confide in. Sharp-tongued Sandra loves Jamie dearly, but cannot understand his feelings. Leah is a scene stealer with her unusual obsession with Mama Cass, singer of the Mamas and Papas, and serves as both friend and foe of the boys.

*Beautiful Thing's* humour, although usually effective in the film's intimate moments, appears contrived at times. In particular, the classic *Sixteen Going on Seventeen* (from *The Sound of Music* soundtrack) that is played during Jamie's and Ste's passionate evening, though funny, is unnecessarily prolonged, killing the comic effect.

The film, however, should not be criticized too harshly for its few moments of contrived humour. Rather, much of the humour should be appreciated for relieving tension. What ABBA did for *Muriel's Wedding*, Mama Cass could do for *Beautiful Thing* as it could generate some interest among the viewers.

Hettie MacDonald's directorial debut, then, is honest and funny without too much sentimentality. It's also a film that doesn't take its subject matter too seriously, which is a beautiful thing.

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# Romeo and Juliet feast with the Beatles on retro night

Adjectives like *nice* and *pleasant* usually induce paroxysms of cringing and set me off searching for the nearest cliff. *Nice* and *pleasant* are words your mother used to describe a date you once brought home: "She's a nice girl." "He seems of a pleasant sort." Notice how I said *once*.

## CD REVIEW OF THE WEEK

by Timothy Speck

Well, *feast* is nice. *Feast* is pleasant. *Feast* is also passionate, introspective, evocative and affirming. David Pilch (bass) and Aaron Davis (piano), the quiet two-thirds of Toronto's internationally acclaimed Holly Cole Trio have created a memorable feast of purely instrumental music. No matter the dish, jazz, blues, folk or traditional, each exhibits a creative palette, meticulously prepared, some with a dollop of humour, some with a dash of sentimentality, some with a hint of the exotic. Pilch and Davis cook.

On the African-flavoured song, *Ruwenzori*, one envisions a festive celebration in which the earth's vegeta-

tive cornucopia is shared by family and friends from near and far amidst singing and dancing - Singing and dancing without beginning, singing and dancing without end, song and dance possessing a substantive spirituality and purpose.



Pilch & Davis  
*Feast*  
(Alert)

The pensive *Black is the Colour of My True Love's Hair* whisked me away to closing time at The Bat and Ball pub in County Derry. My raven-trussed true love had departed leaving my thirst unquenched, and my love unrequited.

Indeed, long before alternative became today's mainstream sludge, dominated by American grunge and post-grunge gruel, the imagination and poetry of British pop ruled the airwaves. The inner city roots ska of Madness, the Basildon originating synth-pop of Erasure, the hype that was Frankie Goes to Hollywood, Howard 'Haircut' Jones, and Scritti Politti complete the British contingent.

All in all, *Retro Night* is a great compilation released in time to capitalise on the current fascination with early eighties alternative music. (Eds. note: This anti-review review sounds like a sales pitch. Can you spell graft?) If you can't make it out to one of the ubiquitous retro nights at the local clubs, then pop this in your CD player and dance through the early hours of the morning. At *The Medium*, *Retro Night* is enjoying heavy rotation. (Eds. note: Now we no longer have to listen to the Editor's jazz thang—the old codger heard most of this stuff the first time around, so he gets all sentimental when we play it now.) Now, they can listen to retro eighties all weekend. Well, maybe not all weekend. Some of the staff prefer classical. Yecchh! Others prefer Van Halen. No comment. One thing is unanimous: Thank God the didn't include the B-52s on this compilation. If I hear *Rock Lobster* one more time...

by DJ Mojo

Various Artists  
*Romeo & Juliet*  
(Capitol)

One of the sure signs of an effective film soundtrack is that when listening to the music in isolation, one can clearly remember the context in which it appears in the film. Whether this is a sign that the music itself is good, begs further examination. Sure, everyone remembers the music of John Williams after walking out of an *Indiana Jones* flick, but how many classical music enthusiasts have John Williams on a special shelf in their collection?

After seeing the film (and reviewing it favourably), I was excited to have the opportunity to hear the soundtrack. I recall liking much of the soundtrack in the theatre, due, in no small part, to the contribution of Soul II Soul's Nellee Hooper as soundtrack producer and engineer. Unfortunately, the most striking song in the film—a

On the sweetly solemn *Arpeggio* Pilch and Davis are joined by Robert Pilch on guitar. Guitar blends deliciously with piano, piano with bass, and bass with guitar in a delectable, unpredictable dance where each musician leads, yet remains unprepossessing. Unfortunately, like most menus, *feast* is not without its disappointments. *My Old Friend the Blues* is stale like a Richard Clayderman Beatles' medley you might hear in an elevator on the way up to the seventeenth floor. Although the Pilch and Davis sound is distinctive, it is for this reviewer unmistakably connected with Holly Cole. So connected, in fact, that I often found myself anticipating the seemingly imminent, yet eternally elusive voice of Ms. Cole; no matter how many times I pressed repeat, I just couldn't coax the seductive Ms. Cole to appear.

Nonetheless, Pilch and Davis's teasing notwithstanding, *feast* is the perfect main course for an evening of creativity or l'amour. If Pilch and Davis should ever invite you to dinner, go; these ensemble chefs serve one delectable, soul-salving feast. Enjoy!

church choir rendition of Prince's *When Doves Cry*, which epitomizes the juxtaposition of the Renaissance with post-modernism in the film—is absent from the soundtrack.

Nonetheless, the soundtrack provides music suiting a range of tastes, from Everclear to Des'ree. Highlights here include the pop fun of the Cardigans's *Loves fool*, Gavin Friday's *Angel*, and the soulful ballad *Kissing You* by the aforementioned Des'ree.

To round out the package, the soundtrack is an Enhanced CD, offering visual accompaniment while listening to it on your computer. It is to producer Hooper's credit that while most of the music featured on the CD conjures up specific moments from the film, it also largely stands on its own in a context independent from the film. This soundtrack is definitely one for the "repeat listening" shelf in my collection.

by Paul Thompson



Various Artists  
*Hype!*  
(Epitaph)

*Hype!* kicks butt! I haven't seen the movie, but its soundtrack is an essential flannel rock compilation. Grunge: heavy, muddy, monotonous, punk rock, is the music that shook the world in the early nineties. It attempted, with a certain degree of success, to wipe out the ever boring eighties.

*Hype!* features songs that pre-date the whole Seattle scene's getting hyped up and blown out of proportion (when after the first boom, anybody from Seattle who owned a guitar and hopped on a stage got signed to a label). Here are 22 songs which will make you want to pogo.

Most material is recorded live and there's even an unreleased Green River track. Green River is the band out of whose ashes rose Mudhoney and Pearl Jam. Both bands are repre-

sented on *Hype!* by material from the good old days, *Touch me, I'm Sick* and *Not For You*. Nirvana, the most influential trio of the nineties, has one of its rawer songs *Negative Creep* on this record. The Gits' *Second Skin* was one of the most underrated bands in ripped-jeans town, who had in Mia Zapata (r.i.p.) a very fierce performer. The only mistake made on *Hype!* is exemplified in The Supersuckers, (their name says it all) *I Say Fuck*. Their spot should've been used for a Vaselines or Melvins tune. The latter are the undeniable architects and founders of the whole scene; shame on those who compiled *Hype!*!

But *Hype!* does include Wipers' *Return Of The Rat*, another integral band of the grunge monument. Other lovely tunes are provided by Tad Giant (*Killer*), Gas Huffer (*Hotcakes*), Soundgarden (*Nothing To Say*), Girl Trouble (*My Hometown*—all Cramps' worshippers will adore this tune) and Dead Moon (an awesome live version of *54/40*). The story behind this group is that they record at home and press their vinyl records on the exact same disc-cutter (1954) as their legendary fellow Portlanders, The Kingsmen (*Louie Louie*)!

*Hype! The Motion Picture Soundtrack* clocks in at just over the 60 minute mark, and will make you reminisce about the days when sub pop was huge and the *Epitaph* label was just a small, obscure organization.

by Ward Naudts

Beatles  
*Anthology 3*  
(EMI)

*The Beatles Anthology 3* is the third and final chapter of *The Beatles' audio anthology*. First-takes, out-takes, and never-heard-before recordings from the period of 1968-1970 comprise the 50 tracks on

this double CD. This anthology captures the brilliant aura surrounding The Beatles during the zenith of their creative genius.

In it, we hear early versions of such masterpieces as *Helter Skelter*, *Hey Jude*, *While My Guitar Gently Weeps* and *Come Together*. It gives us an inside view of the artists' world, as if we've been allowed to attend a recording session.

The Beatles' stunning diversity and originality is presented in all its glory. The music ranges from songs of quiet power to those of rollicking good fun. The collection is best viewed as an artistic work in progress. Musical bursts of raw, intense spontaneity captivate this feeling of work in progress, work in the hands of skilled craftsmen.

Segments of wild experimentation, along with outbursts of enthusiastic commentary are found on both discs, enhancing the anthology's colour and vitality. In this regard, the tracks *Los Paranoias*, *Teddy Boy*, and *Medley: Rip It Up/Shake, Rattle And Roll/Blue Suede Shoes* are of particular interest.

This anthology is an appropriate tribute to the musical legacy of The Beatles, and proves, yet again, that they are the quintessential rock'n'roll band of all time.

by Ottavio Cicconi



Various Artists  
*Retro Night*  
(WEA)

As the editors hunch over dilapidated computers and hot-off-the-laser-printer-soon-to-be-delivered-to-the-printers-flats, the synth pop cacaphony of bands like Depeche Mode, New Order, and Duran Duran, and the goth drones of the Sisters, Bauhaus et al, the skanking sounds of The Specials, The English Beat, and Madness, and the guitar-pop poetry of Echo and the Bunnymen, The Cure and The Smiths resonate throughout the office, rejuvenating their tired eyes, bodies and souls.

Well, they need not wait for Sunday evenings any longer. Woohool *Retro Night* is here. Sixteen compiled tracks to get you dancin', relaxin' and romancin'.

Included on this disc are club staples such as Ministry's self-flagellating, self-congratulating, nihilistic *Everyday is Halloween*, Echo and the Bunnymen's hymnal *Killing Moon*, The Smiths' lament to post-pubescent loneliness *How Soon is Now?* and Yaz's liberating *Situation*. Less obvious choices like The Associates' *Take Me to the Girl* and Aztec Camera's *Oblivious* are pleasant inclusions. The majority of the remaining line-up maintains the British domination of *Retro Night*. The UK's hegemony of big hair bands shouldn't surprise us: the mid-eighties were the halcyon days of alternative music for the Brits.

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# SPORTS

## Shooting Stars falling

Does it get any worse than this? A first-year expansion franchise, just a few games into the season, runs out of money and has to be taken over by its league.

I'm not talking about the Canadian Football League here, but the North American Professional (Indoor) Soccer league, and the team in question is the Toronto Shooting Stars.

### SIDELINES

by Duncan Koerber

On the field the Shooting Stars have had a good start to the season, but this public relations nightmare may severely hurt the team's fan support in Toronto. The CFL has known for years that clubs on the verge of collapse each season don't attract much interest at the turnstiles. Fans want stability. At least the CFL can bank on a hundred years of history, but the NPSL has nothing to fall back on. If indoor soccer doesn't quickly make a good impression, it's not going to catch on.

The benefits of a good impression are obvious. Take the Toronto Raptors for instance, they made all the right public relations moves in their inaugural season. There were no money problems, and no in-fighting. The only blemish was the firing of Brendan Malone, but that was inconsequential. Recently, Allan Slaight's invocation of the "shotgun clause" in his ownership deal with John Bitove has raised concerns that the Raptors' foundation is breaking down; but for now, the buzz around the team remains positive.

Back to the Shooting Stars—they were taken over by the NPSL two weeks ago and the league says three groups are bidding for ownership of the franchise. Let's hope that they do in-depth financial checks on the applicants. Clearly, they didn't with the Morris Goldfinger/Francois Glasman partnership, which fell apart so quickly. How could these two men be granted a franchise, when they didn't have enough money to pay the players on time, or pay for flights to a game in St. Louis (they took a 16-hour bus ride instead) only three weeks into the season? Clearly the league didn't look into this group's financial status.

It's rumoured to have cost Goldfinger and Glasman \$350,000 to join the NPSL, \$150,000 less than the official franchise fee. If this rumour is true, the league must have jumped at the expansion money, just like the CFL did when it decided to expand south of the border. The CFL's expansion to the US moved so swiftly only because the Canadian owners needed an infusion of cash in the form of franchise fees. Look at what happened to that experiment.

Success is achieved through planning, and without planning the NPSL or the CFL aren't going to match the other leagues in popularity. Major League Soccer (outdoor) just ended its first season quite successfully—average attendance was just under 20,000—but the league was planned almost four years in advance of the first game. The planning is already paying off for Major League Soccer. And for these upstart leagues like the NPSL, the point is obvious: don't jump at the first sign of money at the sport's expense.

## McGerrigle wins weightlifting meet

### Female lifter training for Commonwealth Games and Olympics

by Duncan Koerber

Erindale's a long way from Vancouver, but Miel McGerrigle and her coach, Peter MacDowell, have come all the way here for schooling, and to train for the Olympics.

MacDowell coaches McGerrigle in weightlifting, and on November 2 at Erindale, she won the junior (20 and under) 59 kilo category. McGerrigle is in her first year of a French specialist program at Erindale, and according to MacDowell, is the best junior female weightlifter in Canada.

Approximately three years ago, she was training in gymnastics when MacDowell was recruiting athletes for his weightlifting program. Upon joining, she says, "It was a bit boring" but she has since come to enjoy it. MacDowell says he was recruiting gymnasts, because they already have speed and flexibility through their specific training—important assets in weightlifting. Also, gymnasts are obviously very athletic, so the transition to weightlifting would be

smoother than it would be with non-athletic recruits.

According to MacDowell, McGerrigle has a very good chance to win multiple medals at the 1998 Commonwealth Games and the 2000 Sydney Olympics, if the sport's governing bodies officially recognize women's weightlifting.



Miel McGerrigle

photo by Kelly Thompson

"The IOC (International Olympic Committee) is committed to gender

equality in sports, so there's a very good chance women's weightlifting will be recognized." He says there's a 90% chance that the Commonwealth games will recognize women's weightlifting.

McGerrigle is more concerned about the numbers of athletes allowed at the Olympics. "There are so many athletes that if they add a women's team, they might have to reduce the men's teams," she says.

While the goal is to win a medal at both of these games, they are still a few years away, leaving much time for training. McGerrigle certainly needs the time. She must manage her courses and train five times a week for three hours a session. Thankfully, she trains on campus in the Olympic weightlifting facility in the South Building.

McGerrigle decided to come to Toronto, in part, by the fact that MacDowell was moving to Toronto with his wife, who was offered a job here. Also, Erindale was really the only university campus in Toronto with an Olympic weightlifting facility,

so her decision to choose Erindale was easy.

"Weightlifting has traditionally been a small-town sport in Canada," says MacDowell, explaining why there isn't another Olympic-calibre facility in Toronto. "There's also more sports to choose from in the bigger cities and athletes can be distracted."

Weightlifting is also not as popular in Canada as it is in European and Asian nations, although MacDowell is helping to change that. He's making visits to local highschools to explain what weightlifting is all about, and hopefully find some new recruits for a junior team.

Weightlifting has been a non-traditional sport for women, but he hopes to get more women involved. Possibly the success of McGerrigle will encourage other women to take up the sport at Erindale.

McGerrigle's next major championship is in Thailand in December, 1997. The 1998 Commonwealth Games will be held in Malaysia.

## Men on winning streak

by Jack Krist

The men's division I team has rebounded nicely from a slow start, winning two games last week. In the first game the men's team defeated Humber College (Lakeshore Campus) 103 to 94.

The team worked in a new man-to-man offence that led to easy points. Unfortunately, the defence came up short and Humber was allowed to stay within 10 points.

The men's team practiced on Tuesday before facing Medicine in league play on Wednesday. The Erindale team came out slow in the early going and the score was 24-24 after 12. Then the Erindale team turned up the defensive pressure to take a 57-34 lead into the half-time break.

Erindale, who were playing with only seven players due to exams, were reduced to six when a freak half-time accident nearly took off an Erindale player's nose. The second half was dominated by Erindale as they went on to crush Medicine 121-79.

Almost all of Erindale's players scored in double digits. Paul Gill had 36 points and Colin Hwang and Lance Stroud had 26 each. Eric Peternell and Caesar Moniz chipped in with 12 points each.

The men's next game is on Thursday, November 14, downtown against New College. The New College team may be the top team in this year's league, so this game will certainly be a test of Erindale's improved play. The New College team has looked impressive amassing a 5-0 record.

The women's division one basketball team was supposed to have played New College last week; however, New College resigned from the league prior to facing Erindale. The team was given a break from practicing due to the players' heavy exam schedule.

Assistant Coach Melissa Jazbec is pleased with the team's play to date, having compiled an impressive 5 and 1 record. The team's next game is downtown versus Victoria College on Wednesday, November 13.



Call the doctor! Erindale steamrolls Medicine.

photo by Tim Tham Lok

## VANIER CUP CONTEST!



The first Sports contest (and probably the last unless someone springs for more prizes) is underway!

There are three pairs of tickets up for grabs to the Vanier Cup championship game at SkyDome on November 30.

To win the tickets students must write, in 100-200 words, why they want to go to the game. Try to be creative and funny as the judges like that sort of thing.

Winning submissions will be published in *The Medium*. Bring submissions to *The Medium* office in the Crossroads Building. The contest closes November 20 at 3 p.m. Staff and writers are not eligible to win.

## Women out of playoffs

### Interfac team lose 1-0 in overtime

by Rachel Hughes

Erindale's women's interfaculty touch football team were eliminated from the playoffs last Friday in a slim 1-0 away loss to Scarborough.

At 5:45 a.m. the women, supported by a record number of fans, were primed and ready to play Scarborough. Erindale came out strong with a big kick by Kelly Kazarian who has been a strong presence since the start of the season. Erindale's strong defensive line held Scarborough to zero points.

Although many attempts were made to complete a pass to the offence, Erindale were continually shut down. The game went into overtime and Scarborough intercepted an Erindale pass.

With three minutes left in OT

Scarborough punted, and scored a single point on a safety. Erindale then tried to complete a play but couldn't and the game ended.



It was too early in the morning to score a touchdown.

file photo



MEN'S INDOOR SOCCER STANDINGS

DIVISION A								DIVISION B							
TEAM	W	L	T	F/D	GF	GA	PTS	TEAM	W	L	T	F/D	GF	GA	PTS
The Elite	5	0	0	0	61	13	15	T.Y.C.	6	0	0	0	84	17	18
Adriatic Assault	4	1	1	0	34	23	15	Malton H.G.	5	2	0	0	48	20	16
Zywiec	4	1	0	0	43	14	13	The Hooligans	5	1	0	0	45	27	16
Shamuganathanthan	3	3	0	0	21	32	12	Blitzkrieg	3	2	1	0	33	28	13
Maradona's Pushers	3	2	0	0	45	24	11	Hakuna Matiti	3	1	1	0	14	10	12
John Smith	1	4	1	0	33	54	9	Sperm Donors	2	4	0	0	30	49	10
Meteors	2	2	0	1+1	20	26	8	Free Agents	2	3	0	0	13	37	9
United Nations	0	7	0	0	20	102	7	Canadian Selects	0	3	0	1	6	39	3

(results are unofficial - check the ECARA board for official information)



These two should try out for the Shooting Stars. photo by Tim Tham Lok



This guy is made of rubber!

photo by Tim Tham Lok

Blitzkrieg campaign successful

by Tony Rammos

Blitzkrieg 2, H. Matiti 2

The Blitzkrieg had the unenviable task of playing two games back-to-back last week. Both games were very crucial because they involved teams with similar records and both are competing for the final playoff position. The Blitzkrieg survived the double-header and escaped with five well-deserved points.

In the first game, the Blitzkrieg found themselves down 2-1 to Hakuna with less than ten minutes remaining. But with a late goal, the Blitzkrieg earned a hard fought 2-2 tie.

Blitzkrieg 10, S. Donors 8

The Sperm Donors thought the Blitzkrieg would be tired from the previous game, but it was the Donors who were surprised.

The Blitzkrieg catapulted to an 8-1 lead early in the second half. It appeared that a blowout was in progress, however fatigue finally caught up with the Blitzkrieg and the Sperm Donors made a spirited comeback. But the Blitzkrieg hung on for a 10-8 victory.

With this performance the Blitzkrieg vault into the fourth spot in Division B, followed by Hakuna Matiti and the Sperm Donors.

TYC 8, Hooligans 2

by Aldo Petrone

TYC proved to be too much for the Hooligans winning 8-2. Despite the score, both teams were loaded with talent, which made for an exciting game. The play of the game came when the Hooligans missed two straight penalty shots. Had they scored on both, it would have been just a one-goal deficit. The Hooligans could not recover from the missed shots and TYC went on to victory.

The Hooligans goaltender was out to lunch most of the game, letting in eight goals on eleven shots. Look for TYC to do well in the playoffs.

Reapers end Free Agents' season

by Pun Chan

In this exciting and fast paced game, the Reapers pulled through with a stunning win over the Free Agents. The Reapers were short of players, but managed to overcome the Free Agent's full squad.

for another touchdown, but the Reapers strong defence held them back. On the play, The Free Agents' quarterback, Kurt Tietz, saw an opening and made a mad dash to the end zone; however, Carrabs and Nick Crejorio rushed out of the end zone to sack Tietz, thereby ending the Free Agents' touchdown attempt.

Reapers 15, F. Agents 14

After an unsuccessful first half, the Free Agents were down 8-6. However, the second half began with better results—a touchdown by Roj Koppaithara and a two-point conversion by Nick Bades put the Free Agents up 14-8.

Yet a turnover by the Free Agents gave the Reapers an opportunity to score and they capitalized with a touchdown to tie the game.

The Reapers decided to go for only a one-point convert, which put them ahead by one point, and would eventually turn out to be the winning margin.

The Free Agents moved into the Reaper's zone ready for what looked like an easy touchdown; however, the Reaper's John Zantanvis cut off a pass in the end zone. The loss knocked the Free Agents out of playoff contention.

The Reapers began the match in good form. Right off the kickoff they drove down field with quick and accurate passes from QB Jason Nicols to their star player Chris Carrabs, and eventually to Matt Murray for a touchdown.

The Free Agents attempted to strike back with a long drive of their own, but were easily stopped by Reaper's John Zantanvis's resilient zone coverage. The Free Agents finally scored a touchdown, by Brian Gilic, near the end of the first half. However, the Reaper's effective zone defence stopped the Free Agents' attempt at a two-point convert on the touchdown.

The final play of the first half saw the Free Agents with field position

Iron Wolves 15, Reapers 6

Fresh from the victory over the Free Agents, the Reapers played the Iron Wolves. An even matchup from the start quickly became a horror story of calls favouring the Iron Wolves. Reapers claim the bad calls cost them the game. The Iron Wolves eliminated the Reapers from a play-off birth and went on to face the OB Bears for the battle of second place in the west division. Scoring for the Reapers was Matt Murray with six points. Chris Morton (9) and Dan Russell (6) scored for the Wolves.

Bears 24, Iron Wolves 8

OB Bears demonstrated their quick and explosive offence in this game. The first half was uneventful with a half time score of 8-8. Scoring by Iron Wolves in the first half were Chris Morton (2) and Chris Murdoch (6), while Sang Yup (8) scored for the OB Bears. During the second half, OB Bears displayed their speed and erupted for 16 unanswered points. They stopped the Iron Wolves from reaching their 30 yard line the whole game. Scoring for OB Bears in the second half was Philip Suh (2), James Ban (2), Mark Wong (12).

ICP 28, Spartans 0

Spartans again found themselves undermanned again against ICP.

MEN'S INTRAMURAL FOOTBALL STANDINGS

EAST DIVISION								WEST DIVISION							
TEAM	W	L	DF	PF	PA	PTS		TEAM	W	L	DF	PF	PA	PTS	
ICP	4	1	0	125	60	13		Polk High	5	5	0	172	20	15	
Reservoir Dogs	3	2	1	112	47	10		OB Bears	3	2	0	92	63	11	
Irvin's Pushers	3	1	0	60	46	10		Iron Wolves	3	2	0	72	94	11	
Mushy Peas	2	2	0	83	64	8		Bloodhounds	2	3	0	38	114	9	
Argo-nots	1	2	0	7	81	5		Free Agents	1	4	0	74	102	7	
Spartans	0	5	1	0	81	4		Reapers	1	4	0	47	101	7	

(results are unofficial, check the ECARA board for official information)

From the beginning to the end of the game ICP ran all over the Spartans.

ICP's Neil Chisholm made the play of the game when he picked up a pass intended for a Spartan and ran in for a touchdown. He scored an impressive 18 points in the game, while his teammate, Jason Zwolak scored eight, and Joseph Bakewell converted for two points.

Spartans' captain, Jason Cain, was disappointed with their effort,

and says they are now preparing for the hockey season. They end the season 0-4, while ICP find themselves at the top of the east division standings.

ICP 22, R. Dogs 20

The top two teams of the East Division fought for the first place standings in this excellent game. Reservoir Dogs were short of players

but gave ICP a run for their money.

Down by 22-20, the last minute offensive drive by the Dogs was a heart stopper.

The Dogs made league history with a first ever attempted field goal this season.

However, a victory was out of the question when one of ICP's players jumped up just in time to block the kick.

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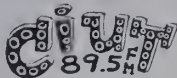
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